

**MINUTES OF  
FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014**

PRESENT: Peter F. Murphy, Springfield District  
Frank A. de la Fe, Hunter Mill District  
Janet R. Hall, Mason District  
James R. Hart, Commissioner At-Large  
Ellen J. Hurley, Braddock District  
John C. Ulfelder, Dranesville District  
James T. Migliaccio, Lee District  
Earl L. Flanagan, Mount Vernon District  
John L. Litzenberger, Jr., Sully District  
Janyce N. Hedetniemi, Commissioner At-Large  
Timothy J. Sargeant, Commissioner At-Large

ABSENT: Kenneth A. Lawrence, Providence District

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The meeting was called to order at 8:17 p.m. by Chairman Peter F. Murphy in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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MOTION FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman de la Fe: I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PERTAINING TO *VIRGINIA CODE* SECTION 15.2-2208.1.

Commissioner Hart: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Hart. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to go into closed session, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

The motion carried by a vote of 11-0. Commissioner Lawrence was absent from the meeting.

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CLEANSING MOTION AFTER THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman de la Fe: I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE, ONLY THE PUBLIC

BUSINESS MATTER LAWFULLY EXEMPTED FROM THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, AND ONLY THE MATTER IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION TO CONVENE CLOSED SESSION, WAS HEARD, DISCUSSED, OR CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION DURING THE SESSION.

Commissioner Hart: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Hart. Is there a discussion? All those in favor of the cleansing motion, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

The motion carried by a vote of 11-0. Commissioner Lawrence was absent from the meeting.

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#### COMMISSION MATTERS

Commissioner Hart announced that the Planning Commission's Environment Committee would meet Thursday, October 2, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Conference Room of the Fairfax County Government Center, to receive two presentations, one from a representative from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, another from the Fairfax County Department of Facilities Management regarding energy monitoring in buildings. He added that all would be welcome to attend.

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#### SEA 90-S-021/2232-Y13-10 – MILESTONE COMMUNICATIONS & VERIZON WIRELESS

Commissioner Litzenberger: There were two public hearings scheduled for tonight, which I will defer at the request of the applicant: SEA 90-S-021 and 22 - 2232-Y13-10, will be - have the public hearing rescheduled to for October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Hall: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Okay, thank you very much. That's just a – announcement, right?

Commissioner Hall: Right.

Chairman Murphy: Okay.

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SE 2014-SU-010 – CSH ARTISAN FAIRFAX, LLC (Decision Only)  
(The public hearing on this application was held on September 18, 2014.)

Commissioner Litzenberger: I had a decision only this evening. I'm going to defer it again. I want to give the Commission an update. This was the Alzheimer's facility in Chantilly. What we found out is - - I want to thank Commissioner Migliaccio for his recommendation to conduct a title search - - what they found was that at a rezoning in 2004, the - the applicant had proffered to dedicate an easement for the public service road. There was a question last week. That was not accomplished. The documents were never submitted, so they have to get that straightened out. And, secondly, our staff, or Mr. O'Donnell, mentioned that due to the timing of the lights, getting out on Route 50 from Downs Drive shouldn't be an issue, and I drove over there this weekend and circled through that development three different ways and he was correct. That's - if you're a little bit patient, when the traffic lights line up, there's plenty of time to go across Route 50 and get into the turn lane. And lastly, what I found out was that the landowner is a person that lives in the subdivision, who's against it, but they - the Sunoco franchise had rights to that, but then they sold it to Shell, who then hired an operator to run it; so, between those three entities you're going to have to figure out how to fix the easement problem with the titling. So, that said, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEFER THE DECISION ONLY FOR SE 2014-SU-010 TO A DATE CERTAIN OF OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to defer the application S-2014-SU-010 [*sic*] to a date certain of 10/9, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

The motion carried by a vote of 11-0. Commissioner Lawrence was absent from the meeting.

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Secretary Hall requested that Commissioners review the minutes for April and May of 2014 and noted that she would move their approval on October 9, 2014.

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#### ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Secretary Hall established the following order of the agenda:

1. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES: MODIFICATIONS TO PERMIT ANTENNAS & RELATED EQUIPMENT ON

EXISTING OR REPLACEMENT UTILITY POLES OR LIGHT/CAMERA STANDARDS)

2. SE 2014-MV-017 – VERIZON VIRGINIA, LLC
3. PA 2013-CW-T2 – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (FAIRFAX COUNTY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN)

This agenda was accepted without objection.

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Because the following case was to be handled by Commissioner Murphy, Vice Chairman de la Fe assumed the Chair.

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ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES: MODIFICATIONS TO PERMIT ANTENNAS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT ON EXISTING OR REPLACEMENT UTILITY POLES OR LIGHT/CAMERA STANDARDS) – To consider proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan for Fairfax County, Virginia, in accordance with the *Code of Virginia*, Title 15.2, Chapter 22. This Amendment proposes to make those minor modifications to Par. 2 of Section 2-514, which facilitate the location of multiple telecommunication carriers, or allow a single carrier to operate within multiple frequency bands, on an otherwise compliant existing or replacement utility pole or light/camera standard located in any street right-of-way or utility easement, to include an increase in the permitted cabinet size up to 8 feet in height and 60 cubic feet of volume and to remove any limitation on the number of antennas that may be mounted on such a pole or standard when the antennas are completely enclosed within a stealth sheath or cap. COUNTYWIDE. PUBLIC HEARING.

Commissioner Murphy asked that Vice Chairman de la Fe ascertain whether there were any speakers for this application. There being none, he asked that presentations by staff and the applicant be waived and the public hearing closed. No objections were expressed; therefore, Vice Chairman de la Fe closed the public hearing and recognized Commissioner Murphy for action on this case.

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Vice Chairman de la Fe: I will close the public hearing; the Chairman of our Telecommunications Committee, Mr. Murphy.

Commissioner Murphy: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First, I want to thank Drew Hushour from our staff for the great job he did on this amendment. This was presented to the Planning

Commission's Telecommunications Committee without any objections. The proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment seeks to increase the maximum allowed volume and height of an unmanned equipment cabinet that is permitted to be located by right on an existing or replacement utility distribution and transmission pole or light/camera standard in any straight right-of-way or utility easement in support of a telecommunications facility. It is important to note that while these facilities are proposed to be allowed by right, under the Zoning Ordinance, a determination of these facilities in conformance of the location, character, and extent of the Comprehensive Plan would still be required under Section 15.2-232 [sic] of the *Code of Virginia*. So therefore, I concur with the staff recommendation and I would MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT IT ADOPT TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES: MODIFICATIONS TO PERMIT ANTENNAS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT ON EXISTING OR REPLACEMENT UTILITY POLES OR LIGHT/CAMERA STANDARDS, AS PROPOSED BY THE STAFF IN THE STAFF REPORT TONIGHT, WITH ONE AMENDMENT, AND THAT WOULD BE IN SECTION 2, paragraph 3 - - 2A, PARAGRAPH (3): THERE IS A MISPELLED WORD. It's talking about site distance and IT'S SPELLED S-I-T-E AND, OF COURSE, the kids would know IT'S S-I-G-H-T, right? So, I'D LIKE TO MAKE THAT AMENDMENT, AND THAT'S MY MOTION.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Second.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Seconded by Commissioner Litzenberger. Is there any discussion? Hearing and seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Vice Chairman de la Fe: Opposed? The motion carries.

The motion carried by a vote of 10-0. Commissioner Sargeant recused himself from the hearing. Commissioner Lawrence was absent from the meeting.

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Commissioner Murphy resumed the Chair.

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SE 2014-MV-017 – VERIZON VIRGINIA, LLC – Appl. under Sect. 3-304 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a telecommunications facility. Located at 2806 Popkins Lane, Alexandria, on approx. 1.33 ac. of land zoned R-3. Tax Map 93-1 ((1)) 7pt. MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT. PUBLIC HEARING.

Sheri Akin, Land Use Planner, Applicant's Agent, McGuire Woods, LLP, reaffirmed the affidavit dated September 11, 2014.

Commissioner Hart disclosed that his law firm, Hart & Horan, PC, had had one case within the previous year in which Tri-Tek Engineering, Inc., and Mr. Ted Britt, who was the principal in the that firm, was hired as a consultant by a client in a litigation matter. He added that Mr. Britt was an expert witness in that matter. He indicated, however, that it would not affect his ability to participate in this case.

Carmen Bishop, Zoning Evaluation Division (ZED), Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ), presented the staff report, a copy of which is in the date file. She noted that staff recommended approval of application SE 2014-MV-017.

Ms. Akin noted that Verizon had purchased the property in the 1950s with the anticipation of expanding the site; however, with ever-changing new technologies reducing the size of required telecommunications equipment, Verizon no longer needed the entire lot. She further noted that the lot reduction would help to reduce Verizon's overhead costs and noted that several improvements would be made to the site, including:

- a reduction in impervious surface;
- a reduction in the size of the existing parking lot;
- removal of one of the driveways;
- addition of significant amounts of landscaping, thereby improving the overall aesthetics onsite;
- addition of a bioretention filter in the rear of the site;
- improvement of the fencing around the site's perimeter; and
- significant improvements to the road frontage with the addition of curb and gutter and sidewalks

Ms. Akin pointed out that the applicant would provide a substantial reinvestment in the site, particularly since nothing had been done to the property since the early 1970s. She added that the proposed improvements would help to blend the existing facility into the surrounding residential area. In addition, she said that the application had the support of county staff and the Mount Vernon Council.

Commissioner Flanagan asked Ms. Akin if the applicant agreed with the development conditions now dated September 9, 2014. Ms. Akin said yes.

Chairman Murphy called the one listed speaker and recited the rules for public testimony.

Ronald Kuba, 2807 East Lee Avenue, Alexandria, spoke in opposition to the application, noting that residents had used a footpath across the property since the mid-1950s to access the nearby high school and recreational parks. He added that East Lee Avenue would be overwhelmed by the traffic the new homes would generate and pointed out that the road would not be wide enough to accommodate both the parking and extra traffic. He questioned the proposed traffic routes and pointed out that Preston Avenue did not intersect with Route 1. He noted that there was no storm drainage on the existing site and added that uncontrolled water often ran through the property to the surrounding streets. Additionally, Mr. Kuba asked why the name of the future subdivision to be developed on the rest of the parcel had been changed to Bryant Towne.

Commissioner Flanagan stated that the Mount Vernon Council's Land Use Committee had held a meeting on this application and pointed out that the Memorial Heights Civic Association had been invited to express their concerns and no one showed up. Mr. Kuba noted that it was a small association and noted that he was not a member, and therefore was unaware of the meeting. He stated that he had been contacted by a Verizon representative and had expressed the same concerns; however, he had received contradictory responses. Commissioner Flanagan said that the applicant would address his concerns during the rebuttal.

Henry Clover, 2929 East Lee Avenue, Alexandria, noted that although Verizon owned the entire parcel, they seemed to address drainage only for the reduced parcel. Chairman Murphy stated that the applicant would address this concern during the rebuttal period.

Eddy Pinedo, 2731 Groveton Street, Alexandria, stated that he currently had drainage issues and expressed concern that new development would exacerbate the problem. He also noted that East Lee Avenue was very narrow and said that it should not be open for access. Additionally, he referenced the map in the front of the staff report and asked if the proposed changes would take place on his property.

Kris Abrahamson, ZED, DPZ, reiterated the explanation provided by Commissioner Hart earlier and clarified to Mr. Pinedo that the proposed improvements would be made to the Verizon property.

Ms. Akin reiterated that the application proposed to reduce the land area of the existing parcel. She added that access to the site would likely be from Preston Avenue, because access from Popkins Lane would be too difficult to accommodate, given the county setback requirements and the amount of traffic on the road. Addressing Mr. Kuba's reference to the footpath across the parcel, Ms. Akin noted that she had receive comments about inappropriate activities having taken place in that location, as well as littering and trespassing, and said that some of the residents were happy to see that stop. In addition, she pointed out that there would be no name change for the undeveloped parcel. With regard to stormwater management, she stated that the applicant would reduce the existing impervious surface and install a bioretention facility; thereby, improving the current conditions.

Commissioner Flanagan asked how much traffic might be generated by the new development on the undeveloped parcel. Ms. Akin stated that if the parcel were developed with 12 new homes, the site generate approximately 120 vehicles trips per day. Commissioner Flanagan asked if it were possible for the applicant to ensure that the developer of that parcel did not provide access to or from East Lee Avenue. Ms. Akin said that while she was not privy to information on that project, it would be more sensible for traffic to access the property near the Verizon site. Commissioner Flanagan asked if the proposed improvements on the proposed site would control the stormwater drainage. Ms. Akin said yes, noting that they would also help to improve drainage on the remainder of the site. Referencing the applicant's statement of justification in Appendix 2 of the staff report, Commissioner Flanagan asked Ms. Akin to confirm that the density of the surplus 4.2 acres of land would remain unchanged at R-3 (Residentially zoned; 2-3 single-family homes per acre) and compatible with the surrounding area. Ms. Akin confirmed that would be the case. When Commissioner Flanagan asked Ms. Akin if she had heard the issues mentioned this evening at the meeting with the Mount Vernon Council's Land Use

Committee, she said that the issues with stormwater had not been discussed, but she responded to questions regarding access to the site.

There were no further comments or questions from the Commission and staff had no closing remarks; therefore, Chairman Murphy closed the public hearing and recognized Commissioner Flanagan for action on this case.

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Chairman Murphy: The public hearing is closed; Mr. Flanagan.

Commissioner Flanagan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I've heard just enough, you know, testimony tonight that I think it would be to the advantage of everyone if we got the answers to some of those questions from staff during the next week. So, I MOVE TO DEFER THE DECISION ONLY FOR SE 2014-MV-017 TO A DATE CERTAIN OF OCTOBER 9, 2014, WITH THE RECORD REMAINING OPEN FOR WRITTEN TESTIMONY.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Litzenberger. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to defer decision only on SE 2014-MV-017 to a date certain of 9 October, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

The motion carried by a vote of 11-0. Commissioner Lawrence was absent from the meeting.

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PA 2013-CW-T2 – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (FAIRFAX COUNTY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN) – To consider proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan for Fairfax County, VA, in accordance with the *Code of Virginia*, Title 15.2, Chapter 22. This amendment proposes to amend the Comprehensive Plan by incorporating chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Fairfax County Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) and a Bicycle Network Map into the Transportation element of the Policy Plan. Corresponding modifications to the four Area Plans volumes and associated maps are also included in this amendment. In addition to the Plan Amendment, staff will request the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors endorse chapters 5 and 6 of the BMP to provide guidance in matters such as bicycle facility implementation and maintenance and bicycle safety education. COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC HEARING.



Charlie Strunk, Bicycle Program Coordinator, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), presented the staff report, a copy of which is in the date file. He noted that staff recommended adoption of PA 2013-CW-T2.

Commissioner Hedetniemi announced her intent to defer the decision only on this application at the end of the public hearing, adding that comments from tonight's hearing would be considered and possibly incorporated into the final amendment.

Commissioner Sargeant noted that an existing trail along the Occoquan River would be affected by future development and asked whether it would impact the bikeway network in that area. Mr. Strunk explained that it would not impact the Bicycle Plan, adding that it was included in the 2002 Countywide Trails Plan. Commissioner Sargeant referenced Table 3.1: Facilities Selection Design Table for Policy Roads on page 38 of the Fairfax County Bicycle Master Plan Booklet and asked Mr. Strunk to give a general description of the principles for bikeway network development. Mr. Strunk explained that bike route signs might be erected in low density residential areas to provide neighborhood connectivity to local and collector streets, whereas bike lanes might be provided instead in higher density areas. When Commissioner Sargeant asked what the speed range for Policy Roads was, Mr. Strunk said it was 40 miles per hour and above. Referencing the "Introduction" on page 18 of the staff report, Commissioner Sargeant asked if the figures provided in the second paragraph were still accurate. Mr. Strunk stated that he would verify that they were.

Commissioner Hurley asked what it would cost to implement the Plan, noting that staff could respond to this during the deferral period. She then noted that she saw nothing in the staff report regarding bicycle rules of the road. Mr. Strunk pointed out that bicycles fell under the Virginia State motor vehicle code; therefore, any applicable rules and/or regulations had been identified in the *Virginia State Code*.

Commissioner Flanagan asked about an ongoing Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis and its correlation to the subject application. Adam Lind, FCDOT, explained that while discussions were ongoing with consultants from that project, county staff had recommended a pedestrian trail on one side of the highway and a bike trail/lane on the other.

Chairman Murphy called the first listed speaker and recited the rules for testimony.

Jeff Anderson, representing Safe Routes to School, 9507 Liberty Tree Lane, Vienna, spoke in favor of the amendment, noting that the number of students riding bikes to school had significantly increased over the past few years. He said that Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) would install bicycle racks upon request and, as a result of the increase in riders, FCPS had hired a full-time Safe Routes to School Coordinator to help manage, encourage, and educate the community on the benefits of walking or biking to school. He added that the cost benefit of improving the bike infrastructure would be much cheaper when compared to expanding roadways and building parking lots.

Mr. Anderson's daughter, Laurel, and son, Eric, introduced themselves; after which Chairman Murphy thanked them for their participation in the public hearing process.

Commissioner Hurley asked how many high schools were included in the ride-to-school initiative. Mr. Anderson explained that there were not very many, since it was aimed at children in grades Kindergarten through eight. He noted, however, that many of the high school drivers were once riders/walkers who would now understand that there were pedestrians and cyclists on the road with vehicles and be more aware of them. Commissioner Hurley suggested finding a way to make it more attractive for high school aged students to walk or ride bikes to school instead of driving to school also.

Commissioner Litzenberger asked Mr. Anderson if FCPS sent a school bus for his children. Mr. Anderson said yes, because although he was within a mile of the school, there was a section of sidewalk missing along the route.

Anne Mader, Owner, The Bike Lane, 8416 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, spoke in support of the amendment. She stated that an enhanced bicycle infrastructure would only benefit her shops, but also the community as a whole. She cited several riding events in Reston over the past year which involved many cyclists who stayed at the local hotels, dined at the restaurants, and shopped at the local stores, and pointed out that it could not have happened were it not for the bike infrastructure in place in Reston. She pointed out that retail sales in cities with a bike infrastructure in place experienced increases in rent and sales revenues, adding that the health benefits from cycling helped save companies money in health insurance costs. Additionally, she noted that city and developer costs would also be reduced by providing fewer vehicle parking spaces.

Sonya Breehey, 2902 Marshall Street, Falls Church, spoke in support of the plan citing the health benefits of bicycling. She added that the bicycle-friendly communities experienced greater property values and increased business growth. She stated that the Plan would help to mitigate currently unsafe conditions throughout the county where there were no sidewalks or trails for people to walk or ride a bike. She expressed concern about her neighborhood being bordered by two Policy Roads, Lee Highway, Route 7, and Arlington Boulevard, Route 50, with no specific recommendations as yet, and urged that they be addressed as soon as possible.

Bruce Wright, representing Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling, 2079 Cobblestone Lane, Reston, spoke in support of the plan. He stated that recommendations within the Plan to encourage and educate citizens on bicycle programs were equally important.

Commissioner Flanagan noted that the George Washington Parkway prohibited bicyclists on-road, noting that there was a planned bicycle trail adjacent to the road, and asked if the Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling supported it. Mr. Wright said the group had not taken a formal position; however, he supported ridership on the road since they were permitted to ride on other similar roadways. When Commissioner Flanagan asked if the paths in Arlington and Alexandria connected to Fairfax, Mr. Wright said they did not.

Steven Ward, 1091 Old Cedar Road, McLean, spoke in favor of the Plan and said it would contribute greatly to the county's goal of making suburban communities more livable and attractive. He added that expanding the role of bicycle routes within the existing transportation structure would address many of the challenges faced by commuters. He stated that the plan

promoted increased bike ridership, safer bike travel, and substitution of bikes for automobiles, particularly for short trips to and from transit stations.

Alan Young, Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling, 5803 Hall Street, Burke, described the current conditions in his neighborhood and stated that the plan would complete a connection between the Burke Center VRE (Virginia Railway Express) Station and the Rolling Road VRE Station, and detailed the benefits of the connection not only for commuters but also for the residents in the surrounding communities.

Commissioner Hurley asked how riders would access the VRE station from Guinea Road. Mr. Young stated they would need to use the bridge, rather than crossing the tracks. He added that the ride would not be too steep for cyclists.

Henri Bartholomot, 101 W. George Mason Road, Falls Church, echoed earlier comments and encouraged the county to integrate bicycling into the community. He pointed to the existing bike trails throughout the Washington, DC Metropolitan area and said he used them to commute to work, adding that the Plan would help to expand the existing network.

Elizabeth Shaw, 12334 Coleraine Court, Reston, spoke in favor of the Plan. She noted that she was a competitive cyclist and rode every day through Reston. She said that her school would not sponsor cycling activities because of the dangers of bicycling in the county. She pointed out the health benefits of cycling, noting that its prohibition hindered its regulation and subsequent accidents and/or injuries. She stated that the bike plan would help change this, not only by providing paths, but also by providing regulation and education. She added that the Bike Master Plan would also provide a new ethos for citizens to ride bikes for short trips rather than driving.

Commissioner Hall asked for clarification with regard to FCPS's support of bike riding. Ms. Shaw clarified that the school would not sponsor a bicycle team.

Commissioner de la Fe expressed surprise regarding the Schools' not sponsoring bike teams, since they sponsored gun clubs. He suggested that FCPS review the policy on bicycling.

Commissioner Hurley suggested that Ms. Shaw coordinate with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Young, as well as the Fairfax County School Board, to discuss sponsorship for bicycling.

Emily McGrath, 11976 Sentinel Point Court, Reston, spoke in favor of the Plan citing health and cost benefits. She added that she had recently been appointed onto the Pedestrian and Bicycling Advisory Committee of Reston Association as a youth member. She said that she had ridden to school and work quite often and encouraged others to do the same, but noted that many of her classmates could not because their parents would not allow it. She pointed that safety was often the reason, noting that she herself had experienced inattentive drivers pulling out in front of her before looking for any obstructions. She stated that the Plan would have prevented those occurrences by separating cyclists from vehicles and providing a path for them to ride on. She said that many people wanted to ride and we simply needed the infrastructure to enable them to do so.

Commissioner Hall suggested that Ms. McGrath make her presentation to the School Board and thanked her for speaking.

Jenifer Joy Madden, 9463 Coral Crest Lane, Vienna, spoke in support of the Plan, citing reduction in vehicular traffic and health benefits. She pointed out that she could now ride her bicycle from her home to the Silver Line. She provided statistics regarding obesity and other health problems resulting from lack of exercise. She also provided information regarding the reduction of a local road, on which neither the amount nor the speed of traffic had increased. She stated that the Plan would provide a bike infrastructure as well as accountability and encouraged its adoption.

Commissioner Hedetniemi pointed out that the Tysons portion of this plan was illustrated by Ms. Madden's remark regarding her ability to ride directly to the Silver Line on her bicycle.

Larry Butler, representing Reston Association (RA), 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, stated that the Reston Association supported the Plan. He echoed previous speaker comments regarding the health benefits, but also expressed concerns regarding areas where it was not currently safe.

Eric Backus, 42400 University Drive, Fairfax, spoke in support of the Plan. He noted that 16,000 students enrolled at the Fairfax campus of George Mason University, adding that 500 people commuted to the campus via bicycle. He stated that the Plan would help to increase the number of riders to the campus. He noted that the university had adopted measures to encourage riders, including the addition of a shared use path that would connect to path on Braddock Road and partnering with the City of Fairfax for roadways and bikeway improvements. He further added that increased ridership would help to improve air quality.

Fionnuala Quinn, 12309 Country Ridge Lane, Fairfax, supported the plan noting that it would address safety for all riders, whether they rode bicycles by choice or because they had no other means of transportation.

Howard Albers, 3210 Wynford Drive, Fairfax, said that he was happy to see the county embrace the federal government's transportation policy regarding pedestrian and bicycle policy. He added, however, that the final two chapters should be adopted as well.

Commissioner Hart noted that the Bicycle Network Map showed the inclusion of the Town of Occoquan, whereas the Countywide Trails Map did not, and suggested that the maps coincide.

Chairman Murphy commended the speakers, noting that none of them had spoken against the Plan. He referenced Mr. Young's testimony and suggested that the citizens become involved in the implementation of the Plan. He further suggested that Commissioner Hedetniemi take his testimony into consideration during the deferral period.

Commissioner Flanagan concurred with Chairman Murphy's remarks and suggested the Planning Commission adopt the Plan, including the last two chapters.

There being no more speakers, Chairman Murphy called for a rebuttal statement from Mr. Strunk, who deferred to Tom Biesiadny, Director, FCDOT. Mr. Biesiadny stated that staff had

performed public outreach and received input on a number of transportation projects. He added that in January 2014 the Board of Supervisors adopted transit, bike, and pedestrian projects, some of which were part of this Plan, and assigned funding to them.

There were no further comments or questions from the Commission and staff had no closing remarks; therefore, Chairman Murphy closed the public hearing and recognized Commissioner Hedetniemi for action on this case.

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Chairman Murphy: Ms. Hedetniemi.

Commissioner Hedetniemi: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to thank everyone who came out tonight and who has stayed with us because your testimony has been eloquent, surprisingly for all of us a fresh - - a breath of fresh air to hear everybody being so positive. I want to thank Charlie, especially because he's done a phenomenal job of outreach; and taking a very complex subject and putting it into language that is plain and understandable and free of jargon is an accomplishment. I think that - - I think there are not as many things as we might have anticipated to change or correct, but I do think we should - - WE WILL DEFER THIS DECISION TO A DATE CERTAIN OF OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, AND I MAKE THAT MOTION FOR THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER.

Commissioners Hall and Litzenberger: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Ms. Hall and Mr. Litzenberger. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to defer decision on the Bike Plan Master Plan to a date certain of October 15<sup>th</sup>, with the record remain open for written comment, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

The motion carried by a vote of 11-0. Commissioner Lawrence was absent from the meeting.

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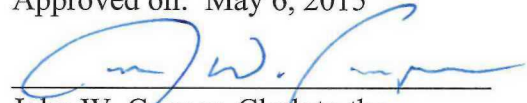
October 1, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.  
Peter F. Murphy, Chairman  
Janet R. Hall, Secretary

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Minutes by: Jeanette Nord

Approved on: May 6, 2015

  
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